



## Activity brief (December 2014)

### Adviser Placement – Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)

1 October 2012 – 31 December 2013



**Background:** The Development Bank International (DBI) will be established as a subsidiary of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to increase capacity and focus on addressing the infrastructure gap outside of South Africa. The DBI will focus on infrastructure service delivery and leveraging in the funding of joint venture partners with a particular emphasis on partnerships with BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

The DBI will aim to:

- accelerate the identification of large-scale economic infrastructure projects to address infrastructure gaps on the African continent;
- coordinate investment into large-scale economic infrastructure projects that facilitate enhanced trade development and economic growth;
- maximise returns for stakeholders to support their African development objectives by accessing lowest cost financing and streamlining planning and implementation processes; and
- promote the national interests of South Africa and the African continent for the ultimate benefit of Africans.

In partnership with the new DBI, the Australian Government funded the placement of a development professional through its aid program to assist the DBI Chief Executive Officer.

**Objective:** The adviser aimed to provide assistance to facilitate the continued establishment of the DBI as an agent of efficient, cost-effective infrastructure service delivery in Africa.

**Activity description:** During the placement, the adviser contributed to the preparatory work to establish the DBI as a functioning subsidiary.

Specifically, the adviser provided:

- technical assistance to the CEO with respect to the development of the vision, strategy, new organisational

structure and implementation plan for the DBI to become the centre of excellence for African development – primarily through infrastructure and related investments; and

- support on research, policy and organisational development.
- analysis and identification of joint venture partners;
- the DBI business case and strategy;
- support to identify a DBI staff structure;
- a draft a Memorandum of Understanding for joint ventures;
- support to establish a monitoring and evaluation system for measuring the development impact of the DBI and its programs;
- support to identify interventions beyond this activity to ensure efficiency and cost-effective infrastructure service delivery; and
- support to prepare briefings, presentations and policy papers.

**Sector:** Public policy

**Outcomes:** By assisting with the establishment of the DBSA, this activity contributed to the improved identification and preparation of large-scale infrastructure projects to address infrastructure gaps and promote economic growth in Africa.

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**Implementation partner/s:** Development Bank International

**Total cost:** AUD 387 058